

## SUNSET WITH LIGHTNING.

### A SPECTACULAR STORM THAT DID A GOOD DEAL OF DAMAGE.

Report that a Man Was Lost Overboard from the Grand Republic—Man Killed by a Falling Tree in West Eleventh Street—The Cable House on the New Fourth Avenue Bridge Struck by Lightning.

The storm which blew up from the south-west just about 6 o'clock last evening did some damage in and about this city. In West Eleventh street a man was killed by a falling tree, another man riding in a truck being struck by a falling tree. The Grand Republic, a steamer of the Collieries and Docking Company, was struck by lightning, and there was considerable damage done to telegraph and telephone wires.

Some wonderful spectacular effects were shown in the clouds to the public, whose admiration was somewhat excited by the storm. The pressure of the air was felt in the south-west, and the light of the declining sun was first looked in an ordinary rain with a promise of lightning in the sudden gray of the cloud bank. Then came a quick change.

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## TRAIN OVERTOOK STORM.

### How the Process Looked from the View Point of a Passenger.

The Pennsylvania train on the New York and Long Branch Railroad, which left Red Bank at 5:30 o'clock, was overtaken by a storm which broke over this city in the early evening. The train was somewhat of a river and ran into the middle of the storm before it passed this city.

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## A GIRL CYCLIST KILLED.

### LITTLE GRACE PIERCE CRUSHED UNDER A WAGON.

She Falls from Her Wheel Almost in Front of the Montank Club in Brooklyn—Unable to Arise, She Is Run Over—She Is Killed.

Grace Pierce, the ten-year-old daughter of Elisha Pierce, an oil dealer, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, 336 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, from injuries received four hours previous by being run over by a cart while lying under her bicycle in Eighth street, Brooklyn. The accident occurred on Saturday morning at the intersection of the trolley cars and general traffic, and Grace's riding had for the most part been confined to the safe asphalt pavement on that street.

About 11 o'clock yesterday Grace begged her mother to let her go for a short ride in the vicinity of the park, and after warning her to be very careful and look out for the trolley cars and wagons, the mother consented. When an hour elapsed and Grace did not return the mother became anxious and was about to go out and look for her daughter, when a woman followed by a woman and a child, who were passing the house, saw the girl lying under a wagon in Eighth street. The child saw that she must be run over unless she could move to one side, but the bicycle pressed so heavily upon her that she could not budge an inch.

While she was still struggling to free herself, the wheel of the wagon passed over her body, twisting the fire and spoke of the bicycle. The wagon belonged to Crawford & Valentine, the contractors, and was loaded with asphalt.

The driver, Walter Watson, 23 years old, of 701 Bergen street, stopped the horse and jumped off. The child, who had been injured, was taken to the hospital. The mother of the girl, who had been seriously injured, was taken to the hospital.

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## NEWALL WANTS TO STRADDLE.

### Doesn't Want the Maine Gold Platform Withdrawn—Would Endorse Chicago.

PORTLAND, Me., July 27.—The Hon. Arthur Sewall was seen at his office in Bath by a reporter to-day. He did not want to be interviewed, but answered some questions briefly. "Now that Winslow has resigned, are you in the race for the candidacy for Governor?" "I really don't know. The State Convention will be like the Chicago Convention, an assembly of the people, who will choose their own candidate for Governor."

"Will they make any change in the State platform?" "No, it will not. The Convention will be called to nominate a Governor, and the platform will probably not be touched upon. The Convention will, however, probably adopt resolutions endorsing the Chicago platform."

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"It is understood that Mayor Hanson of Belfast is in town to-day, was summoned by telegram by you?" "That is not true. He is here, but was not summoned by telegram by you."

"Do you think of the Populist ticket?" "I do not know. I have really paid very little attention to the doings of the Populists."

"Will you accept their nomination?" "I cannot accept for Mr. Bryan."

In regard to the statement that he had sent a letter to the Populist party, Mr. Sewall said that he was in continual correspondence with Mr. Bryan, but could not divulge the purport of the correspondence.

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## GARDEN HIRED FOR BRYAN.

### POPOCRASTS MUST GIVE A BOND TO COVER ANY DAMAGES.

W. F. St. John seems to be managing the Notification Committee for Mr. Bryan. He will take place either on Aug. 11 or 12—Newall, not Watson, to participate.

Bryan and Sewall will be formally notified of their nomination in Madison Square Garden on the evening of Aug. 11 or 12; that is, if Mr. William P. St. John is able to furnish a good bond to cover any damages that may be done by the Garden Company will incur no damage. The bond and the exact date of all that are needed for the signing of the contract.

Manager Frank Sanger sat in his office in the tower of the Garden yesterday afternoon wrapped in his thoughts. Nothing was further from his mind than silver-gold politics. He was thinking of his shirt sleeves—thinking when there came a gentle rap at the door. He came back to New York with a start, and shouted: "Come in."

The door opened, and a tall, slender man, with a heavy square-cut beard, bespoken with gray, entered the room. Mr. Sanger, who had expected an ambitious politician, looked out of a door of a song-and-dance man who wanted to entertain people on the Roof Garden, saw in an instant that his visitor was neither, and sprang to his feet.

"Mr. Sanger, I believe?" ventured the visitor. "Yes, I am Mr. Sanger. What can I do for you?" "I am Mr. St. John."

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## MOTHER DROWNS HER BABES.

### Trice to Kill Her Own, but Falls—Has Had Also Attempts Suicide.

CAMDEN, N.J., July 27.—After taking carbolic acid this afternoon, Mrs. Mary Herman, wife of John F. Herman, jumped into the Delaware River with her two children in her arms.

The children were drowned, but the woman was rescued by the unconsenting condition and is now at a hospital in a precarious condition.

The supposed motive for the act is that the woman had been charged by her husband with misconduct.

Mrs. Herman made her preparations deliberately. The children, boys, aged 3 years and 2 months respectively, she took to Walnut street wharf.

She tied the feet and hands of the elder boy and the feet of the younger one together, then, drinking half of a bottle of carbolic acid, she took the children in her arms and jumped into the river.

Some men in a boat saw the woman jump, and rowed to the spot and pulled her out as she was sinking for the third time. The children never rose to the surface.

When Herman was told of the tragedy he attempted to commit suicide, but was restrained here. It is reported that the vessels in question have been bought by the United States.

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## THE NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

### STATE CONVENTION TO BE CALLED TO-DAY FOR SEPT. 16.

State Committee Not Expected to Act on the Chicago Ticket—Tammany's Executive Committee Meets Friday—May Rouse Ticket and Not the Platform.

The Democratic State Committee, which will meet at the Hoffman House at noon to-day, is expected to call the State Convention to meet in Saratoga on Sept. 16.

The meeting of the Tammany Hall Executive Committee has been called. It will be held next Friday afternoon, James J. Martin, Chairman of the committee, let it be known that he did not issue the call for the meeting of his own free will and gave out this statement:

James J. Martin, Chairman of the Tammany Executive Committee, states that at the request of a majority of the representatives of the Assembly districts he has called a meeting of the Democratic County Executive Committee on Friday next, July 31, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of passing upon the action of the Chicago Convention.

The Democratic State Committee's session to-day, if the plan of the party leaders is carried out, will be short, and the only business will be to call the State Convention for Sept. 16 to nominate electors and candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals.

The plan as explained by a member of the committee yesterday is for Chairman Hinkley to declare any resolution of endorsement or repudiation out of order and to table any appeal from his decision. Nothing like a test vote is expected, for the Tammany leaders and members of the committee are in the opinion of Purroy and Sulzer, have agreed to stand by the Chairman, if the question arises, in his ruling that the resolution is out of order.

Another proposition which meets with favor, and which the Tammany members have agreed to stand by, is that the committee should present a resolution of endorsement or repudiation of the Chicago Convention, and then lay the whole matter on the table. One member of the committee said last night that if any one moved to endorse the nomination of Bryan he would move to endorse McKim.

Yet, while Tammany Hall's representatives will take this stand in the State Committee, it is understood that the Tammany Executive Committee intends to endorse the nominations of Bryan and Sewall. This explanation was given by John C. Schuch, a member of the committee.

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